

NDE Bulletin
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AYP Alert – Changes!

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The AYP process for Very Small Schools is being changed to eliminate separate goals for districts and schools that have no groups of 30. Since we must still ensure that every grade span has an AYP decision based on the NeSA Reading AYP State Goals, we have new “rules” for aggregating data and applying these goals. Until the changes explained below are implemented, the AYP pages in the Preview: State of the Schools Report 2009-10 have been turned off. We expect to be ready with the new results by early next week.

This late change in the AYP process will produce changes in the identification of schools and districts as being in need of improvement. This means that the release of the State of the Schools Report to the public will be changed from October 1 to October 13, 2010.

If a grade span has no groups of at least 30 students, that data will be aggregated with an adjacent grade span or grade spans. The NeSA Reading State goal for the grade span contributing the greatest number of students to be aggregated data will be used for AYP decisions and the AYP decisions will be applied to all grade spans included.

This does not change the new process for districts with multiple small schools at the same grade span. We will apply the district level AYP decision for that grade span to all of these small schools.

Example A:

	Elem	Middle School	High School
# of FAY students	34	31	8

Elementary school – no change – determine AYP as for all other schools with at least one group of 30
Middle and High school

- Aggregate the data
- Use middle school NeSA Goal (60%) since middle school contributed the greatest number of students
- Use middle school Other Academic Indicator decision
- Apply AYP decision to both middle and high school

Example B

	Elem	Middle School	High School
# of FAY students	20	16	10

- Aggregate data from all grade spans
- Use Elementary goal (56%) since elementary contributed the greatest number
Other Academic Indicator (follow Step 3 using two years of data) to see if there is a decision, if not, go without an Other Academic Indicator decision
- Apply the AYP decision to all three grade spans

Approvals of NSSRS 2009-2010 Submissions

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Although approval within NSSRS Data Manager is required for Fall and Year-end collections, many districts have not yet approved these collections. "District Approve" users must ensure the Fall and Year-end collections are approved for all prior years. Collection approval instructions are available at: https://portal.education.ne.gov/Site/Help/Collection_Approval_v1.pdf

Section 1512 Reporting

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Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis. NDE will collect this information from every sub-recipient (district, ESU or School Food Authority) through an ARRA Section 1512 Reporting program in the Consolidated Data Collection in the NDE Portal: <http://portal.nde.state.ne.us>

ARRA Section 1512 Reporting for the quarter ending on September 30 will open on September 15 and will remain open for submissions through October 5, 2010. Every sub-recipient must complete the reporting requirements, even if there has not been any payment(s) received or new jobs saved/retained. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement will put the sub-recipients out of compliance and jeopardize receipt of all federal funds until the next reporting period. The Department has developed Frequently Asked Questions located at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/PDF/ARRA%20JobsAccountabilityActQA.pdf>

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) information must be updated at least once a year and is a requirement for receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and reporting for Section 1512 of ARRA. Please check your registration to ensure that it has not expired or will not expire this year. You may check the status of your registration at <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) Application for 2010-11

Contact Bryce Wilson (402-471-3570 or Bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov)

The SFSF Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2010. An SFSF Application is not complete and cannot be approved until NDE has received a printed version of the assurances (from the application) that has been signed by the Superintendent and the President of the School Board. The printed version of the assurances must be mailed to the Commissioner of Education, P. O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987.